



Mass.gov

PRESS RELEASE

Baker-Polito Administration Breaks Ground on New Holyoke Heritage State Park Spray Deck

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

5/04/2018

Department of Conservation & Recreation

MEDIA CONTACT

Troy Wall, Press Secretary



Phone

617-626-1453



Online

Troy.Wall@state.ma.us



HOLYOKE — HOLYOKE – During a groundbreaking event, the Baker-Polito Administration today announced the construction of a new spray deck at Holyoke Heritage State Park in the City of Holyoke, which is set to begin later this month. The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is managing the approximately \$1.4 million construction project, that when complete, will provide children and their families with additional recreational opportunities and a respite from the summer weather. The new spray deck is expected to be completed by late summer or early fall 2018.

“The Baker-Polito Administration remains dedicated to enhancing the Commonwealth’s state parks system in an effort to provide exceptional outdoor recreational opportunities for people of all abilities to enjoy,” **said Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Leo Roy.** “The DCR is excited to deliver this new family-friendly spray deck to Holyoke Heritage State Park, where children from all over the region will be able to play and interact with one another in a safe and fun environment.”

Details of the new Holyoke Heritage State Park spray deck include:

- The modification of the existing fountain structure (currently inoperable) into a new spray deck;
- The construction of a new playground structure, and associated site amenities; and,
- The improvement of existing brick and concrete walkways throughout the state park.

Facilities such as spray decks and playgrounds assist in a child’s development of depth perception, spatial awareness, enhance gross and fine motor skills, and improve upper and lower body strength in children in an inclusive play environment. Additionally, the new spray deck at Holyoke Heritage State Park will feature the latest in aquatic technology with improved efficiency at the facility. Furthermore, the new spray deck will be available to a wide range of visitors to enjoy due to the zero depth entry design.

For information regarding the DCR’s wading pools, deep water pools, and spray decks, as well as dozens of coastal and inland beaches across the Commonwealth, please visit the agency’s [webpage](#).

###

Media Contact

Troy Wall, Press Secretary



Phone

617-626-1453



Online

Troy.Wall@state.ma.us

dcr
Massachusetts



Department of Conservation & Recreation →

DCR manages state parks and oversees more than 450,000 acres throughout Massachusetts. It protects, promotes, and enhances the state's natural, cultural, and recreational resources.

[More →](#)

RELATED

[Holyoke Heritage State Park →](#)